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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6109

INFO AMEMBASY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMCONSUL KADUNA

UNCLAS LAGOS 8874

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ILLINOIS IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: STATE 199692, LAGOS 7129

1. PROPOSED MISSION ARRIVAL LAGOS FRIDAY, DEC. 6 AT 1240 VIA WT 683 PRECULES WORK THAT AFTERNOON, AS MISSION COULD NOT ARRIVE IN BUSINESS SECTION MUCH BEFORE 1600, BY WHICH TIME MOST FIRMS CLASED.

2. CURRENT AIRLINE SCHEDULES SHOW PA 188 DEPARTING LAGOS FOR NAIROBI AT 1555 ON FRIDAY NOT REPEAT NOT SATURDAY AS STATED IN STATE REFTTEL.

3. IF MISSION STILL DESIRES VISIT LAGOS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS IT TAKE EITHER PA 180 ON SUNDAY, DEC. 8, DEPARTING LAGOS AT 1335 FOR NAIROBI, OR ET 782 ON SATURDAY, DEC. 7, DAPARTING LAGOS AT 2230 FOR NAIROBI VIA ADDIS ABABA.

4. MOST LOCAL FIRMS OPEN SATURDAY MORNINGS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT MISSION VISIT OF ONLY FOUR HOURS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. DOES POSSIBILITY STILL EXIST THAT MISSION COULD ARRIVE LAGOS THURSDAY, DEC. 5, AS SUGGESTED LAGOS REFTTEL?

5. EMBASSY NOT AWARE THAT MISSION HAS YET MADE LAGOS HOTEL RESERVATIONS. IF IT HAS NOT, SUGGEST IT DO SO ASAP, AS HOTEL SITUATION HERE VERY TIGHT.

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